



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.27/U/9

In the Matter of Comb Hill Recreation
Ground, Haltwhistle, Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Comb Hill Recreation Ground, Haltwhistle being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.26 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northumberland County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Hexham on 18th July 1973.

At the hearing the Haltwhistle Parish Council was represented by Mr. J. M. Clark, one of its members.

The land the subject of this reference was allotted by the Inclosure Award dated 22nd June 1849, made under the Act 7 & 8 Viet., c.5 (private), to the Churchwardens and Overseers as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the township of Haltwhistle and the neighbourhood. By virtue of sections 6(1) (c) (iii) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894 the property in such land was transferred to the Parish Council.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Haltwhistle Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point to law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 12~~th~~ day of September 1973.


Chief Commons Commissioner